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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). The Lord Himself said, "I am the Lord, I change not" (Malachi 3:6). All God's promises about limitless answers to prayer that would involve the cursing of trees, the moving of mountains or literally "WHAT THINGS SOEVER ye desire" or "If ye shall ask ANYTHING in my name" show that miracles will last as long as God's promises are true, whenever people are given faith to trust Him for miracles.

But this is not just a matter of theory; it is a matter of actual historical fact. In countless instances since the Bible was written, God has worked miracles; and these miracles have been witnessed by the best men and women of the centuries, who give their witness that they know God still answers prayer, even miraculously.

Dr. W. B. Riley writing on DIVINE HEALING says:

"Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Origen, Clement, and others tell us of cases of devils cast out, of tongues given, of poison failing of its effects, and of the sick raised to health in answer to prayer. Such authors as Waterland, Dodwell, and Marshall insist that miracles of healing did not fail until the rise of the Catholic Church, and we know from history that since that time they have ap-

peared among God's most devout people — the Waldenses, Moravians, Huguenots, Friends, Baptists, and Methodists, not to speak of the experience of the Scotch Covenanters, Knox, Wishart, Livingstone, Welsh, Baillie, Peden, Craig; as also with George Fox, the father of Quakerism, and our own Baptist fathers, Powell, Knollys, and Jessey; and these were men that followed the letter of our text."

Other sources prove beyond any doubt that even among Catholics, and in the midst of much superstition and tradition, yet God has occasionally worked mighty miracles in answer to prayer.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, M. D., had in the *Reader's Digest* for March, 1941, an article on "Prayer is Power," and this scientist, Dr. Carrel, takes the position that miracles are a fact, often attested by intelligent, reliable people. The footnote to his article says:

"Dr. Alexis Carrel has long been impressed by the fact that many of life's phenomena cannot be scientifically explained. He knows, for example, that miracles of healing are possible; he spent weeks at Lourdes studying them, and will never forget seeing a cancerous sore shrivel to a scar before his eyes. Dr. Carrel concluded 33 years of brilliant biological research at the Rockefeller Institute in 1939. Among his many honors are the

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Two More Saved Through 'Heaven' Book

The little book, *Bible Facts About Heaven*, by the editor, has resulted in many souls saved. The first sixty-five thousand copies printed, have resulted in letters from several more people who say they have trusted Christ for salvation after reading this book.

From Cookville, Tennessee, June 16 a dear brother who had been sick with tuberculosis for two years wrote,

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I have read your booklet on Heaven, I have confessed to Christ that I was a sinner before I read the book. And now I trust Him to save me and take me to Heaven."

Then after telling about how God has mercifully improved the condition of his body in answer to prayer, he says,

"Jesus Christ is my Saviour and I am glad to say so."

"Your brother in Christ."

From Inverness, Florida, a letter arrived June 15 telling how, after reading the book *Bible Facts About Heaven* a woman trusted Christ as her Saviour and believes that He has forgiven her.

Our hearts cry, "Praise the Lord!" I know readers will join with us in thanksgiving to God for these precious souls.

Bible Facts About Heaven is a nice pamphlet of 68 pages, eight chapters, size 5½x7½. It is printed in blue ink, has a presentation page, and has the most beautiful cover we believe you have ever

seen on such a pamphlet. It is a glossy Crayon in a heavenly blue dappled color. It is a gift book you will be proud to own and give to your best friends.

Dr. H. A. Ironside said, "There are eight chapters, and every one of them is clear and Scriptural," and he advises pastors to give to bereaved loved ones, to make clear the way to the Father's house.

We wish we could give it to everybody. We have given eleven thousand copies away. But we believe readers of *The Sword of the Lord* want to help carry on this blessed business. The price is twenty-five cents a copy, five copies for \$1.00. Pastors and others who want to distribute larger quantities may have this beautiful booklet in quantities of six or more at low wholesale prices for cash.

Please help us spread this book full of Bible teaching and tender, soul-stirring facts about Heaven. Distribute it in hospitals, in pastoral visits, to all who have lost some loved one by death, to old people and shut-ins and to friends everywhere. It is a beautiful booklet to leave in public waiting rooms, doctors' reception rooms, and it will be read oftentimes where Christian books on other subjects would not be read.

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Why I Love America

BY HYMAN APPELMAN

Born in Russia, I came to the United States when I was twelve years old. I cannot tell you in detail why I love America, but every crimson drop of blood in my body carries that affection.

I love America because of its greatness. It is great in territory, great in resources, great in man strength, great in woman beauty, great in child sweetness. It is great in achievements, in accomplishments, in activities that have led the world in every line and sphere of human venture and adventure. It is great in its history. Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Wilson, giants who stand out above the run of even the mighty! America has never lost a war, never dipped its flag in any sort of defeat. From Bunker Hill to the Argonne, Old Glory has been covered with honor and praise.

I love America because of its graciousness. America has shared its wealth, its scientific discoveries, its medical accomplishments, with all mankind. Pleas for help for many quarters of the world have been heeded. Belgian children lived because American food ships landed on their shores. German babies have grown into manhood (God forgive them for their ingratitude) because with the signing of the Armistice in 1918 American relief lifted the hunger bans of that luckless land. Starving Russians and emaciated Chinese knew hope when American soup kitchens lined them up for charity. Japanese cities were rebuilt; Japanese homes were re-established; Japanese men, women, and children were given a new lease on life when the American Red Cross crossed the wide Pacific to bring help and hope. I love America because, at terrific sacrifice, it has been the world's big brother.

I love America because of its gifts to me and to countless others. It gave me an education that I should never have had in Russia. It gave me a chance at freedom denied me as a Jew almost everywhere else in the world.

I love America most of all because it gave me Christ and salvation. Here the Gospel was

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Wheaton Bible Church, Wheaton, Illinois

A COVER FOR SIN

BY REV. J. C. MACAULAY

Pastor, Wheaton Bible Church, Wheaton, Illinois

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." — Proverbs 28:13.
"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." — Psalm 32:1.

(As preached at Wheaton Bible Church, Sunday night, June 14. Stenographically reported for *The Sword of the Lord*.)

I want to speak to you this evening on "A Cover for Sin." And we have suggested to us in these two verses how men cover sin and how God covers sin. When men cover sin, it brings sorrow and destruction. When God covers sin, it brings blessing and salvation. Both men and God, strangely enough, are engaged in the task of covering sin, men wrongfully, God rightfully.

I. How Men Try to Cover Sin: Secrecy

I think of three ways in which men try to cover their sin. First, they try to cover their sin with secrecy. Men foolishly believe that they can sin without being seen, without its being discovered. But you know sin hidden has a terrible way of coming out; so that men are in anguish continually lest their sin come out on them, and then at the end they have the further anguish of having it do what they had hoped it would not do — come out of the sealed box and stand facing them. There is a little verse that says, "Be sure your sin will find you out." Sin cannot be done in secrecy. Men's secrets will all be brought out and revealed.

Since we came to Wheaton, we have heard quite a bit about that place down in the city (I think they call it Tele-News), where they give the news in moving pictures, a place, we were informed, that was quite apart from the institution of Hollywood or of the moving picture industry. So one time my wife and I decided we would go in and see the news. It was just at the time when we were hearing so much about the uncovering of that spy movement down East, and we saw pictures of it that day. Now those men and women thought that they were doing everything in dead secrecy but, remarkably enough, they weren't. We saw pictures of

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"A COVER FOR SIN"

I. How Men Cover Sin

(a) *With Secrecy*. The U. S. Intelligence Service trains its recording machines on spies who think they are working unobserved. God's universe is a vast recording instrument, exposing even what we are unaware of. Sin will out. Read Psa. 139:1-12.

(b) *With Silence*. David tried to "get by" by keeping quiet about his sin, but God gave him such a conscience-whipping that he grew prematurely old and dried up. Only confession to God brought relief. Read Psalm 32:3, 4.

(c) *With Self-Righteousness*. Our self-righteousness is like the winter drifts of the Arctic, covering over refuse and filth; but the summer sun brings all that is covered into view. So man's sin will appear before the holiness of God.

2. How God Covers Sin

(a) *With a Perfect Atonement*. The criminal makes atonement to society by his penalty, but his crime-record follows him. Not so the perfect sin-covering by the death of Christ for us.

(b) *With a Perfect Righteousness*. As our white sheets and shirts look a dirty brown against new-fallen snow, so "our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" against God's holiness. But God covers us with a robe of spotless white — His own righteousness made over to us in Christ Jesus. Christ only has "works of supererogation," and they cover all our deficiency.

(c) *With a Perfect Purity*. A white cloth will cover cancer sores, but will not cure them. God's covering for our sins, the blood of Jesus Christ, is one hundred per cent curative also. Will you accept this healing, cleansing cover for your sins?

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Uncle Sam's movie cameras trained right on those men and women as they were engaged in their spy work, and of course it was but a short time until these same people were being herded like cattle into the prison wagons. They did not know that Uncle Sam's recording machines were busy.

Even so men who try to sin in secret seem to forget that God's recording machines are always busy, always busy, and they never omit any thing. "Thou God seest me." It is not only what we do that is recorded but what we say also. Did you know God's universe is one great recording machine, picking up every action and every word, every sound, every thought. Yes, and God's recording machine is picking up our character, our dispositions, our attitudes — everything is being caught up in God's great recording machine, to be brought out one day and flashed before the universe. Even things of which we are unconscious ourselves are being taken down by means of God's marvelous, intricate, infallible, inerrant recording machine.

The other day I was down at the home of our good brother, Bill Rice, who has just come to live in Wheaton (brother of John Rice). I was down at the service of dedication for his new home in Wheaton. I was tremendously interested and greatly blessed through that service. The service was recorded, for there was the recording machine taking down all our speeches. When the service was over, they put the record on again, giving the speech I had made in this dedication. Well, I discovered things in my voice and in my accent of which I was quite unaware. My Scottish accent hit me right in the face when I heard that record! Even so, the things of which we are unconscious are being taken down in God's record. And the hidden things, the secret things, will out.

The Flower that Revealed the Corpse

In a French magazine I read this incident. A professor of natural history was walking through a field over there in France right beside a bush, and he noticed a remarkable flower growing there. He knew that that flower was not native to those parts. It was a tropical flower. He immediately pulled out his knife and tried to get that plant by the root to take it to the natural museum, but he discovered that his knife was not a sufficient instrument to get it up. So he went to the farmer to whom the field belonged and said to him, "Man, do you know, over there beside the bush is a tropical plant growing and it has a magnificent flower? I am a professor of natural history and I want to get that plant to give to the museum and to enquire into the cause of its growing here. Will you lend me a spade to take it up?" The farmer turned pale and began to tremble. He answered roughly, "I don't want you digging up my field. I won't get you the spade." The naturalist could not understand it, so he went away until night came. Then he brought a spade, borrowed somewhere else, and started to dig for the roots of that plant. To his horror he began to turn up a dead body in an advanced stage of decomposition. It was but a matter of moments until he had secured his plant and covered the body again and went off to a magistrate, who immediately started an inquiry — and then it came out. This farmer had a brother who had gone to Central America. This brother suddenly turned up home on a surprise visit.

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He was an unwelcome visitor, for the farmer hoped the brother would stay away so that he would have the full patrimony. So that night he secretly poisoned the visiting brother and buried him beside the bush, thinking that nobody would ever know about it. But the dead man had in his pocket a bulb from the tropics, and this sprouted, and the exotic flower, feeding on the carcass, signalled the crime to an astonished world. So secret sin will out. And it is good for men to realize that trying to hide sin from God is a foolish practice, for God sees everything.

You Cannot Hide from God

You have read the 139th Psalm: "O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." These are solemn words. We can do nothing in secret from God.

The Torment of Unconfessed Sin

Then, too, men try to cover their sins in silence. They decide they will say nothing about it and maybe God will forget. David tried that in this same Psalm where he speaks of the blessedness of the man whose sin is covered. He recalls the day when he tried to cover his sin in silence, and here is what he says, "When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer." To try to keep quiet about our sins pays no better than to try to sin in secret for God is altogether too gracious, too merciful to allow us to forget our sin. The moment God gives us up to forget our sins, He has given us up! Here then was the Psalmist. His sin was working havoc in his heart and in his life, and yet he was determined that he would not confess it. Did God let it go at that? Oh, no, God kept His hand heavy upon that man and just kept him burdened about his sin. He crushed him down to the very dust until he grew prematurely old with the burden of his sin, so that his very bones, instead of having normal marrow in them, were drying up like the bones of an old person, like a tree that has no sap. And God kept him that way until he fessed up. There is no peace, there is no joy, in trying to forget sin, for God will not forget and God will keep bringing it up and bringing it up and bringing it up. Oh, how many a one could tell a story of veritable purgatory before he has confessed his sin. By night he would lie upon his bed and he would grow fevered with remembrance of his sin. He would fall into restless sleep and dream about sin, and rising up in the morning the first thing that would meet him was his sin. Going to business, there would be a thousand remembrances of his sin come before him — every incident that took place, every object he saw on the street, would bring back his sin. When God acts that way with us, He is acting most graciously, because He is leading us in the road to salvation, pushing us along to the place where we shall no longer keep silence but confess our sin. No, you don't get rid of sin by keeping quiet about it. You get rid of sin by confessing it.

The Folly of Self-Righteousness

Then, too, there are men trying to cover their sin with self-righteousness. They admit they make mistakes, but then they say, "Look how many good things I do." So they make a good front for themselves by their benevolences, by deeds of kindness, by business hon-

esty, by their church membership, by their religious obligations and by any other thing which they consider will be accepted as righteousness. To the outward eye they seem like square-shooters, they look like righteous men, they will pass muster according to the judgments of this world, but there is inward corruption all the same. These cancers of sin remain, and will one day be brought to light.

In his very interesting book call *Kabloona*, de Poncins gives a description of the Eskimo. One passage is a *propos* of our subject. The writer says,

"In the winter this land is white and green; the snow purifies it. In this season it is repellent, sordid, haggard. All the skull-like stones strewn over the barren tundra grin in the dead landscape of summer. As far as the eye can see, all is brown, black, lugubrious. The Post itself seems deep in a welter of ashes and garbage now uncovered by the thawing of the successive drifts of winter. What filth we ourselves, with out knowing it, were responsible for! The ignoble tins flung heedlessly out-of-doors; the empty jam pots; the rotten potatoes — all this is present suddenly to disgrace us."

As the cool warmth of the summer's sun in the Arctic makes revelation of all the uncleanness, one day, when the Sun of Righteousness shines forth in His strength upon the lives of men, all the white covering of self-righteousness, of religion, will melt away and all the defilement and the sin will be unbared. Oh, men, don't try to hide your own sins. "He that covereth his sin shall not prosper." It does not work.

II. How God Covers Sin

But there is the other wonderful side to this story. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." God covers sin and oh, what a difference when HE does it! He covers sin with a perfect atonement. Men try to atone for their own evil deeds. In some respects the law makes men atone for their evil deeds. The law apprehends the criminal, passes sentence upon him, and that sentence inflicted upon the man is supposed to be an atonement to society for his evil deeds. When that man comes out of the prison, if he is incarcerated for a year, five years, ten years, twenty years, he is supposed to have made a full atonement to society for his evil deeds. The score is supposed to be clear now between him and society. But is it? Is it? Suppose that man tries to get a government job. His record is looked up. Oh, he has a police court record, hasn't he? He is laid aside. Suppose he tries to get a job in a bank. His record is looked up. Oh, he was found guilty of robbery, was he? Well, he is laid aside. I thought he had made full atonement. Oh, no. Oh, no! There is no such thing as a man making full atonement for his sins even to society, and how much more true is that with respect to God. Nothing that a man can do by self-inflicted penalty, by society-inflicted penalty, by reformation, by heaping up good deeds, will ever atone in the eyes of God for his sins.

But God has provided an atonement for sin which is a PERFECT atonement. When the Lord Jesus Christ took upon Himself our sin, He took upon Himself the sin of the world and He took upon Himself ALL the sin of the world. And when Jesus Christ bore your sin on Calvary, He bore ALL your sin, and when Jesus Christ bore my sin, He bore it ALL. He gave the last iota of the law's demand. The eternal law of God cannot make one demand more, for sin has been completely, perfectly atoned for. Now when I come in penitence to God in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, this score is completely wiped out, and when we make application for some heavenly privilege, when we seek communion with the Most High God, He does not look up our record and say, "Oh, I see that the sinner was guilty of such and such and such in times past, therefore he may not have access to Me." Or, when we seek entrance into some service of God, the preaching of His gospel, the ministry of reconciliation, God doesn't look up His police court record, and discovering that we in times past did this and that, reject us. No, He has made perfect atonement in the death of Jesus Christ so that every privilege of

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Authenticated Miracles in Modern Times

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Nordhoff-Jung medal for cancer research and the Nobel Prize for success in suturing blood vessels. His *Man, the Unknown* was a best seller in 1935.

This Nobel Prize winner, this Rockefeller Institute scientist, has seen miracles with his own eyes. "He knows, for example, that miracles of healing are possible;" saw actual miracles of healing at the Catholic shrine Lourdes, spent weeks studying them, "and will never forget seeing a cancerous sore shrivel to a scar before his eyes." So God still works miracles in answer to prayer.

Do you not believe that God works miracles of casting out devils in modern times? Then you are certainly behind the times and are not acquainted with the best in high grade foreign missionary literature. For example, you need to read the story of "PASTOR HSI, One of China's Christians," written by Mrs. Howard Taylor of the China Inland Mission. This Chinese Christian, Pastor Hsi, signed his name, "Master of Demons," and again, and again repeatedly, by prayer, cast out devils, exactly in the fashion that Christ and His apostles did it in Bible times. Furthermore, these miracles have been attested by the leaders and the best missionaries of the China Inland Mission and by others; and similar cases have been reported from a number of mission fields. God still casts out devils in answer to prayer.

Can God raise the dead in answer to prayer? I answer that God can do exactly the same today in answer to prayer that He could do any other day in all of history. God has not changed. His power, His willingness, His compassion have not changed. His promises about wonders in answer to the prayer of faith still stand.

Dr. Charles A. Blanchard, late president of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, is the author of a blessed book, *Getting Things from God*, a book on prayer. The book is published by the Bible Institute Colportage Association of Chicago, The Moody Press. Dr. Blanchard gives in his book the remarkable story of a railroad engineer raised from the dead in answer to his wife's prayer. Dr. Blanchard says:

A Railroad Engineer Testifies

"I was a few weeks ago in the Eighth Avenue Mission in New York. On the platform by me sat a gentleman, to whom I was introduced, but whom I had never before seen. When the meeting had progressed for an hour or so, Miss Wray, the superintendent, called upon him for a testimony. He said: 'Friends, about two and a half or three years ago I was in the hospital in Philadelphia. I was an engineer on the Pennsylvania Lines, and although I had a praying wife, I had all my life been a sinful man. At this time I was very ill. I became greatly wasted. I weighed less than one hundred pounds. Finally the doctor who was attending me said to my wife that I was dead, but she said: "No, he is not dead. He cannot be dead. I have prayed for him for twenty-seven years and God has promised me that he should be saved. Do you think God would let him die now after I have prayed twenty-seven years and God has promised, and he is not saved?" "Well," the doctor replied, "I do not know anything about that, but I know that he is dead." And the screen was drawn around the cot, which in the hospital separates between the living and the dead.

"To satisfy my wife, other physicians were brought, one after another, until seven were about the cot, and each one of them as he came up and made the examination confirmed the testimony of all who had preceded. The seven doctors said that I was dead. Meanwhile my wife was kneeling by the side of my cot, insisting that I was not dead — that if I were dead God would bring me back, for He had promised her that I should be saved and I was not yet saved. By and by her knees began to pain her, kneeling on the hard hospital floor. She asked the nurse for a pillow and the nurse brought her a pillow upon which she kneeled. One hour, two hours, three hours passed. The screen still stood by the cot. I was lying there still, apparently dead. Four hours, five

hours, six hours, seven hours, thirteen hours passed, and all this while my wife was kneeling by the cot-side, and when people remonstrated and wished her to go away she said: "No, he has to be saved. God will bring him back if he is dead. He is not dead. He cannot die until he is saved."

"At the end of thirteen hours I opened my eyes, and she said: "What do you wish, my dear?" And I said: "I wish to go home," and she said: "You shall go home." But when she proposed it, the doctors raised their hands in horror. They said, "Why, it will kill him. It will be suicide." She said: "You have had your turn. You said he was dead already. I am going to take him home."

"I weigh now 246 pounds. I still run a fast train on the Pennsylvania Lines. I have been out to Minneapolis on a little vacation, telling men what Jesus can do, and I am glad to tell you what Jesus can do."

Dr. Blanchard was a great educator, a man of national prominence, a scholar, as well as a devout Christian. It was not hard for him to believe that God had answered the prayer of a wife for her unsaved husband, and that he was brought back in order that he might be saved. And if it is hard for you to believe, then I ask you in the words of Paul the apostle, "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" (Acts 26:8).

If such an occurrence is rare, then it is equally rare that a woman should pray like that and believe God. God still answers prayer for those who trust Him.

In the little booklet called *The Finnish Gold Story*, Dr. S. D. Gordon, author of the famous "Quiet Talks" series tells of a remarkable case of an outstanding miracle in Finland where in answer to a woman's prayer God actually multiplied the money which was put away to build a chapel, until there was enough to pay all the bills. It was in a time of real distress, it followed long and faithful prayer, and God was greatly glorified in this wonderful miracle.

Dr. Gordon himself had occasion to go to Finland, to meet the woman whose prayers had been answered; and from her he heard the details of the amazing story, and then had the miracle confirmed by others who knew the facts. The woman was a post mistress, handled hundreds of thousands of dollars, was a responsible and intelligent public servant, and the most rigorous investigation convinced Dr. Gordon beyond any doubt that an actual physical miracle had been performed; that just exactly as the Lord Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand, so He multiplied the money, in answer to prayer, to build His chapel. The story is too long to tell here, but it will enrich every heart who can get the book and read it.

Miracles of healing have been so many in modern times I will not take the time to mention many. Before me is a newspaper clipping dated June 14, 1939, furnished by the associated press. The headline says, "HER SIGHT RESTORED AFTER 2 DAYS OF PRAYER." And then the clipping follows:

"Hempill, Texas, June 14—(AP)—Mrs. Mattie Boyett, 69 years old, believes prayer restored her sight after fifteen years of blindness.

"Ill of an incurable malady, Mrs. Boyett prayed for 2 days and nights that she might see her grandchildren. She feared death was near.

"Monday she could see dimly. Tuesday her sight was stronger. A prominent Sabine county physician examined Mrs. Boyett. He said she apparently suffered from glaucoma but he could not account for her

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high Heaven is completely open to the sinner who has come by Christ to God. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." ALL sin! It is all-inclusive.

And then God covers our sin with a perfect righteousness.

Man's Righteousness Filthy; Only Christ's Righteousness Will Do!

Look at this man who is trying to cover his own sin with his own righteousness — how horribly deficient it is. Did you ever put out a white sheet or a white shirt when snow had newly fallen on the ground? Does not your sheet look pretty yellow and your shirt pretty brown? Even so, what a dirty thing human righteousness is in the face of the divine holiness!

God says, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away (Isaiah 64:6). But now God has a righteousness, a perfect righteousness, and He had that righteousness of His lived out in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, who rendered perfect obedience, perfect love, perfect devotion, perfect purity all the days of His earthly life; that is the righteousness of God in man. When the poor sinner comes to God with His sin, God wraps him around in that perfect righteousness. He puts the best robe upon him in place of that garment of filthy rags of human righteousnesses. When God covers our sins, He covers them with the perfect righteousness that was manifested in His Son, Jesus Christ. His credit covers our debit.

The Roman church has a doctrine known as the doctrine of supererogation. They believe that those whom they make saints did so many good deeds that they have some left over for others after they have had sufficient for themselves. And so the poor sinner can go to a particular saint and say, "Please, will you put some of your good deeds to my account to help me out?" That is the work of supererogation. Well, let me tell you that just One ever lived, who had deeds of supererogation, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. The "saints" have a hard enough time getting by themselves. But the Lord Jesus Christ has a perfect righteousness which is enough for every man who will come and receive Him. This is supererogation. I Timothy 2:5, 6 tell us, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for us all, to be testified in due time."

When God Covers Sin He Cleanses the Sinner

And the last word. God covers our sin with a perfect purity. I remember up in Sault Ste Marie I was called to visit a poor old man who was in the last stages of cancer. The cancer was on the face. He had heard our radio messages, especially one on the Lamb's book of life, and he wanted to know that his name was written there, so he had sent for me. Before I went upstairs to the room, one of the relatives said, "Now I want to warn you, he looks pretty gruesome." So I went up, and indeed it was one of the most awful sights I have ever seen. Part of his face was rotting with cancerous sores. It almost nauseated me. It almost turned me inside out. I had to pray God to give me grace and God gave me grace. That poor old man there, just on the verge of leaving this world, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and he knew his name was written in the Lamb's book of life. But here is what I want to say.

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John R. Rice,

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"Although today is only one week that I have not smoked, that craving is entirely gone; in fact, it was gone as soon as I asked the Lord to help me.

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"Yours sincerely,
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"Please pray for some unsaved friends of mine, they are living very sinful lives. Pray that the Lord will use my mother and I to win them to Christ. I am learning new Bible verses every day.

"I thank and praise the Lord for a Christian home. My favorite Bible verse is John 3:16.

"Yours in Christ,
(Signed) James McBride
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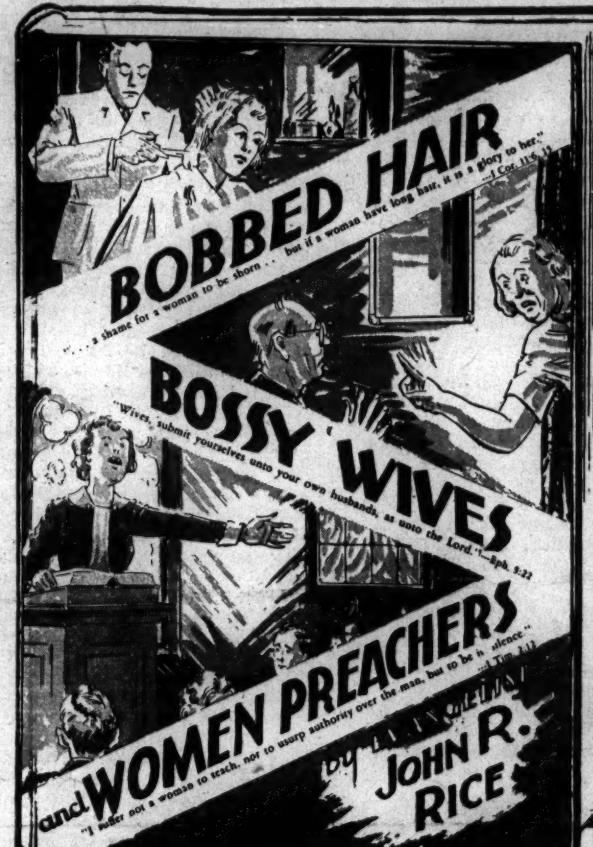
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"Since taking God at his word, Brother Rice, by God's help I have lead souls to Christ. One of my nephews was baptized Saturday. I saw him saved. He told me since God saved him that he would be living still in his sins if I had not pleaded with him to come to God. Praise God for souls being saved. And about two weeks ago my husband's daddy and mother were living in sin. Daddy C—— is about 80 years old and Mother C—— is 72 years old and I went to visit them, and before I left Mr. C—— gave his life to Christ. God went with me and by His help I pleaded with Mr. C—— to repent and God the Father heard my prayer and saved this aged man's soul.

"If we will obey God and do what He wants us to do He will be with us always, even unto the end."

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"Miss Hollister, of Minneapolis, for seven years lay on a couch on the fifth floor in Syndicate Arcade, her right lower limb shriveled and drawn; and yet one day, as she and others prayed, Jesus of Nazareth, the Physician of all physicians, passed that way and she heard Him say: 'I will; be thou whole.' Instantly that weariness, that waiting, that affliction was at an end!"

"From that moment she walked these streets on two good feet, entered this house of prayer scores and scores of times, bore her testimony in our prayer-meetings again and again, as to how, by one touch, one speech from the Master's lips, her weariness and waiting were at an end!"

The book, *The Ministry of Healing*, by Dr. A. J. Gordon, late pastor of the Clarendon Avenue Baptist Church, Boston, the head of Boston Bible College, gives many marvelous and well authenticated cases of healing and gives something of a history of divine healing down through the centuries. Miracles? Yes, God does miracles in answer to prayer, wherever it will please Him to do so and wherever someone prays the prayer of faith!

In the book, *Early Recollections of Dwight L. Moody*, by Honorable John V. Farwell, is the account of a miraculous healing to which Moody was a witness. Mr. Farwell was a leading philanthropist, a fervent Christian worker associated with D. L. Moody, a large backer of the Y.M.C.A. in those early days, the man for whom Farwell Hall in Chicago was named. Mr. Farwell says:

"Soon after this a devout Christian man from a neighboring state

Why I Love America

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preached to me. Here the cross of the Lord Jesus was lifted up before me. Here salvation was offered me as the gift of God's grace backed up by yearning, loving anxiety of Christian hearts. Here waters of baptism laved me. Here that church welcomed me. Here the theological seminary opened its doors to me. Here I was and am, praise God forever, given the right to preach the burning conviction of my soul that Jesus Christ the Son of God came into the world to save sinners.

You ask me why I love America? The blood-marked sentry of George Washington's ragged Continentals hallowing Valley Forge is my answer. The laconic report of Commodore Perry on Lake Erie, "We have met the enemy and they are ours . . ." is, my answer. The Texans' cry, "Remember the Alamo," is my answer. Abe Lincoln's "with malice toward none, with charity for all, with justice in the right as God gives us to see the right—" is my answer. The bloody Meuse, Chateau Thierry, the Argonne, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier is my answer. The handful of Marines on Wake Island holding back the yellow horde is my answer. Douglas MacArthur and his sweat-stained, blood-soaked heroes in the foxholes of the Philippines is my answer.

You ask me why I love America? I am a Jew! I am a Christian! Let the deep, fathomless depths of gratitude out of the very innermost being of my life, on my knees, on my face, thanking God for Christ, for the Constitution, for the Declaration of Independence, answer you, shout to you, rejoice with you — I love America.

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had business in our city, which detained him several months. He at once became very much interested in the Association (particularly the noon prayer meeting) and Mr. Moody's Mission School, and was abundant in labors with him in these two fields. He had had hip disease from his early youth and was then thirty-eight years old. The disease had caused the dislocation of the hip joint, making one leg some three inches shorter than the other. His walking about from house to house with Brother Moody in connection with the Mission Sunday School had made the disease much more painful than usual, until he had determined to have a surgical operation performed if it should promise any relief. On Saturday, he had made an engagement with a surgeon to that end, and was to have been examined on the Monday following. On Sunday evening after the usual labors of the day he invited Brother Moody and myself to his room, as he had something very important to tell us.

"We all went from the Sunday School prayer-meeting to his room, where with choked utterance he gave the following account of the Saturday night's experiences in that room (after giving us quite an extended account of his Christian experience, and his lameness which we had both noticed for months). He said he went from his bath to his room with the thought, 'Why cannot my hip be made whole as well as that impotent man's who lay at the beautiful gate of the temple?' Then he fell asleep convinced that there was no reason why he could not claim the promises for such a purpose. In his sleep he dreamed that the surgeon had opened his thigh with a knife and set the bone, in an incredibly short space of time, and waking out of his sleep he was astonished to find his pain all gone and still more to find that both limbs were of the same length when he got up to walk. We had not noticed that he had no cane on Sunday though we had noticed that his walk was changed and when we came to his room he astonished us by running upstairs two steps at a time, using one leg as well as the other. It will be fourteen years in June since this occurred, and you are the first person to whom I have mentioned it in writing, for this reason. For these fourteen years I have not seen any reason in the history of this brother, why God should so deal with him (as he purposely abstains from mentioning it) that might not be found in hundreds of other Christians, except his own statement of faith in God's promises for such a purpose."

In this case the healing was instantaneous, it was witnessed by thoroughly reliable Christian men; and on their authority we ought to believe it.

In the book, *Miraculous Healing*, by Dr. Henry W. Frost, bearing the special endorsement of Dr. Charles G. Trumbull, late editor of the *Sunday School Times*, Dr. Frost gives the story of six healings which he plainly marks as miraculous, since they were instantaneous and the healings were performed without the usual natural means. One instance was where he himself was instantly healed in answer to prayer when he had about given up to die. Another was the healing of Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission, which happened when only he and Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor were present on a houseboat in China and Mr. Taylor was at the point of death. Another was of the marvelous healing of an insane woman. Another, yet, was the healing of well-known Bible teacher who has recently gone to glory. Another was the instant healing of Dr. Frost's own son after long prayer and after doctors had utterly failed.

In the little book, *I Cried, He Answered*, published by the Bible Institute Colportage Association, and compiled by Henry W. Adams, Norman H. Camp, William Norton and F. A. Steven, and with an introduction by Dr. Charles Gallaudet Trumbull, former editor of *The Sunday School Times*, are accounts of many marvelous answers to prayer. Some of these answers to prayer were direct miracles. Among them is this testimony:

"Optic Nerves Restored

"It was while at the Bible In-

stitute (Chicago) in 1898 that I had serious trouble with the optic nerve, so that I was unable to study or read more than perhaps five minutes continuously. The retina of the eye became so exceedingly sensitive that even the light was painful.

"I was excused from all class work, and for the first time in my life began to think of calling upon God for divine healing. I had heard Dr. Torrey speak on this subject in the class room; so I went to him and asked if he thought God would be pleased to intervene in my case. Dr. Torrey said he was sure that if I would take my stand on the promise in James 5:14-16, God would heal me.

Accordingly we arranged that at Dr. Torrey's home he would anoint me that day at noon. At the appointed hour, together with Mrs. Curtis, we went to the home of our friend. After the anointing and prayer, I went directly to my study and took up all my class work."

"N. R. C."

God works miracles in answer to prayer!

Charles G. Finney, the great evangelist, in his autobiography tells of many miracles: men struck dead for opposing revivals; sinners falling in many cases, unable to lift themselves up; of the

Holy Spirit revealing to Finney and others what God would do. But here is Finney's account of how a woman, in answer to prayer, was instantly given the ability to read the Bible, when before she did not know even the alphabet:

"I addressed another, a tall dignified looking woman, and asked her what was the state of her mind. She replied immediately that she had given her heart to God; and went on to say that the Lord had taught her to read, since she had learned how to pray. I asked her what she meant. She said she never could read, and never had known her letters. But when she gave her heart to God, she was greatly distressed that she could not read God's word. 'But I thought,' she said, 'that Jesus could teach me to read; and I asked him if he would not please to teach me to read his word.' She said, 'I thought when I had prayed that I could read. The children have a Testament, and I went and got it; and I thought I could read what I had heard them read. But, said she, 'I went over to the school ma'am, and asked her if I read right; and she said I did; and since then,' said she, 'I can read the word of God for myself.'

"I said no more; but thought there must be some mistake about this, as the woman appeared to be

quite in earnest, and quite intelligent in what she said. I took pains afterwards to inquire of her neighbors about her. They gave her an excellent character; and they all affirmed that it had been notorious that she could not read a syllable until after she was converted. I leave this to speak for itself; there is no use in theorizing about it. Such, I think, were the undoubted facts."

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"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:22-24).

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